

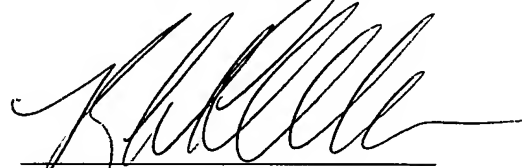
REMARKS

The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the foregoing amendment prior to examination of the above-identified patent application.

The present amendment has been made to generally improve formal matters in the specification and claims, such that the instant amendments have not been presented to address questions raised with regard to patentability nor to address any art of record. Further, as the claims have been prepared to be broader than originally presented, Applicants submit that no estoppel should be deemed to attach this amendment.

Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below listed number.

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